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QUOTE: CONFIDENTIAL SEOUL 7921

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E.O. 11652: GDS TAGS: PEPR, KS, JA

SUBJECT: ROK-JAPAN SUMMIT SPURS INTEREST IN PARK-CARTER SUMMIT

REF: SEOUL 7863

1. DURING DISCUSSION OF OTHER TOPICS WITH FORMIN MORNING SEPTEMBER 6, I ASKED HIM ABOUT THE ACCURACY OF PRESS REPORTS THAT FORMIN SONODA HAD BORACHED THE IDEA OF A POSSIBLE PARKFUKUDA MEETING LATE THIS YEAR OR EARLY NEXT YEAR. FORMIN CONFIRMED THAT SONODA HAD BROUGHT A LETTER FROM PRIME MINISTER FUKUDA ON THIS TOPIC WHICH HAD BEEN PRESENTED TO HRESIDENT PARK. HE SAID THAT WHILE IT WAS PREMATURE TO TALK OF DATES AT THIS CONFIDENTIAL

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TIME HIS PERSONAL VIEW WAS THAT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO ARRANGE MEETING THIS YEAR AND THAT NEXT SPRING WOULD VE AN APPROPRIATE TIME. THE SCENARIO WOULD CALL FOR A VISIT TO SEOUL BY PRIME MINISTER FUKUDA FOLLOWED BY A RETURN VISIT TO TOKYO BY PRESIDENT PARK. HE THEN SAID THAT HE HOPED IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO ARRANGE A PARK-CARTER SUMMIT PRIOR TO MEETINGS WITH THE JAPANESE.

2. I COMMENTED THAT WE WOULD INDEED NEED TO TALK IN SERIOUS TERMS REGARDING THE POSSIBILITY OF A PARK-CARTER SUMMIT. I POINTED OUT WE STILL HAD THE KIM DONG-JO ISSUE TO RESOLVE AND THAT THE FINAL OUTCOME OF THIS COULD AFFECT THE OVERALL TONE OF OUR DISCUSSION. I NOTED ALSO THAT THERE REMAINED CONCERN IN THE U.S. OVER HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES AND THAT WE HOPED EVENTS OVER THE COMING MONTHS WOULD LEAD TO BRIGHT PROSPECTS FOR A SUMMIT MEETING NEXT YEAR. WE AGREED TO DISCUSS THIS IN MORE DETAIL AT A LATER DATE. GLEYSTEEN UNQUOTE CHRISTOPHER

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